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*** SPECIAL NOTE FROM EDITOR (Tedd, KB8NW)

I would like to thank the individuals who sent the goodwill/sympathy wishes in my absence. I was able to get to Nevada in time to spend three hours with my dad before he passed away on December 6th. It is something I will never forget. He is now in a better place with my mother. I miss them both.

DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 11th/December, through Sunday, 18th/December there were 208 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D6, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, KP5, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND

Robert Gerard Felicite, 3B9FR, continues to enjoy working DXers from around the world from his hilltop QTH in Citronelle, Rodrigues Island. He is most workable on 20 meters SSB. Robert reports that the postal authorities in Mauritius will no longer accept IRCs and that a single U.S. dollar bill is no longer sufficient to cover postage costs for return QSLs. He regrets having to ask DXers to cover the minimal postage costs but with no more than 2 USD. Robert and Frank, AHØW/3B9R (who also resides in Mauritius), are working together to establish two permanent radio stations on one of the outer islands of Mauritius as part of a larger humanitarian initiative. Future information on this will be announced via OPDX and the QRZ DX Newsletter and on non-Ham Web sites TBA.

3Y0X UPDATE

Instead of a Press Release this time around, Ralph/K0IR and Bob/K4UEE have prepared a "Status Report" which is available on their Web site at:

http://www.peterone.com/

OPDX Subscribers/Readers are encouraged to visit the Web to the view the full status report. The report includes details of all the operators of the 3Y0X team, plans of operation, their ship and helicopter...etc. Please visit the Web site and possibly make a contribution to this very expensive DXpedition.

6W, SENEGAL

Dave, G4WFQ, will be active as 6W/G4WFQ between February 4-17th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters including the WARC bands, mainly on CW and RTTY with some SSB. QSL via G3SWH, by the bureau or direct with SAE and adequate return postage. Also, bureau QSLs can be received by sending and E-mail to: **phil@g3swh.demon.co.uk**

AAW NEWS

Stations are beginning to line-up for the 3rd Antarctic Activity Week (AAW), February 20-26th. So far the following have announced that they will be active using the special suffix for the event:

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VU2ANT by VU2UR WAP-21                  II5ANT by IZ5BTC SRT Toscana WAP-25
4O3ANT by YZ1SG WAP-22                  II8ANT by SRT Campania WAP-18
IR1ANT by I1HYW WAP-02                  TO2ANT by F6HMJ WAP-26
IO2MET by IK2IWU WAP-23                 TM0ANT by F6KDF R.C. WAP-08
II7ANT by IZ7AUH WAP-12                 IO6ANT by IZ6FZS WAP-28
IR0ANT by IZ0EGC/IK0JFS/IW0HP WAP-10    TM5ANT by F5NOD WAP-29
UE6ANT by UA6HPR WAP-24
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A completed updated list of stations and details on the AAW event can be found on the Worldwide Antarctic Program (WAP) Web page at:

http://www.ddxc.net/wap

CE0Z, JUAN FERNANDEZ (Update)

It seems that several operators will now be joining the few 3Y0X operators planning to activate Juan Fernandez before heading to Peter I Island. Operations will take place between January

20-28th, and the team will use the callsign CE0Z. Activity will be on 160-6 meters. Team members are: Dave/K4SV, Bob/N6OX, Bill/N2WB, Gerard/F2JD, Pedro/CE3BFZ, Guillermo/XQ3SA, Sergio/CE3GL, Juan/CE3GRG, Maite/CE3BYL, Roberto/CE5RH, Hector/CE3VII and Ignacio/CE3GFN. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1820, 3540, 7020, 10010, 14040, 18080, 21040, 24890, 28040 and 50110
SSB - 1840, 3795, 7060, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28495 and 50110 kHz

There is three QSL Manager for this activity:
N2OO - Robert Schenck, PO Box 345, Tuckerton, NJ 08087, USA
F6AJA - Jean Michel Duthilleul, 515 Rue du Petit Hem, 59870 Bouvignies, FRANCE
CE3BSQ - Radio Club Manquehue, P.O. Box 27064, Santiago, CHILE
Check out the DXpedition Web page which contains details of the island and will have an online log at:

http://www.ce3bsq.cl/ce0z/

DP0, ANTARCTICA

Torsten, DD1BG, currently active from Neumayer Base (WAP DL-02) signing DP0GVN, was heard this past Sunday on 14195 kHz at 0000z. Reports state he is using a YAESU FT-857 and the local antenna system on SSB only. His favorite frequency is 14195 kHz after 2030z (closer to 2300z). Torstens activity will last until the January 11th. QSL via DD1TG: Torsten Grasse, Schumannstr. 2, D - 30177 Hannover, Germany.

DT8, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS

Sang Hoon Lee, DS4NMJ (KE5CNK), informs OPDX he will be working at the King Se-jong Station (South Korean Antarctic Scientific Base) as a radio operator on King Geogre Island in the South Shetland Islands group between January 1st and December 30th. His callsign will be DT8A and activity will be on 160-10 meters, SSB, CW and RTTY. The island's reference numbers are: IOTA: AN-010, CQ: 13, ITU: 73 and WABA: HL-01.

EX, KYRGYZSTAN (Plan A DXpedition To Central Asia!)

The "International Adventure and Travel Company" (Along The Way) with the co-operation of Radio Hit-FM Bishkek under the technical support of the "Collective Amateur Radio Station" (EX9BV) offers you three types of ham-radio expeditions to Kyrgyzstan. After you get a special license, you are able to legally operate from the territory of Kyrgyzstan using a callsign like "EX/homecall" or "EX/homecall/M" in case of mobile operations. Expedition plans are available for a single individual or a group to spend 3 days in Bishkek City to 21 days to different regions in Kyrgyzstan. For more details, visit the Web page at:

http://www.alpinism.net/radio.htm

FS & PJ7, ST. MARTIN AND ST. MAARTEN

Operators Sigi/DL7DF, Frank/DL7UFR, Rob/DL7VOA, Les/SP3DOI and Wolf/DL4WK will be active from the French and Dutch side of this island between February 21st and March 8th. They will operate one week on each side (FS first) from two different QTHs. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands and on the modes CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31/SSTV. They plan to have two stations with amps active using a V80e

(vertical), Hexbeam (20/15/10), R7 and vertical for 30m. Their main activity will be 160/80/40/30 meters. They will also be active in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 4-5th). QSL via DL7DF, direct or the DL Bureau. Look for online logs on the following Web site at:

http://www.dl7df.com

FT5XO KERGUELEN ISLAND VIDEO

REVIEW by Tedd, KB8NW

James, 9V1YC, has put together another "FIVE STAR *****" presentation. This PBS high quality DVD is well worth the purchase. As always, James not only captures all the hard work the "Micro-lite Penguins DXpedition Team" had to endure getting to and setting up their operation on Kerguelen, but also the beauty of the island and the stormy South Indian Ocean. On the DVD you get to see each operator in action during their low-power and vertical antennas operations. As in all his videos, James provides history of the island, but this time he also provides an interesting history of the famous ship, R/V Braveheart. The DVD is packed with 54 minutes of great video. A must for a DXer's video collection! Details on how to purchase this video can be found at:

http://www.dxvideos.com/ft5xovideo.htm

GU0/MU0, GUERNSEY

Paul/F6EXV and Jan/DJ8NK will sign MU0EXV and GU0VNK, respectively, from January 20-30th. Activity will be on SSB/CW/Digital modes and all bands from 160-10 meters. QSL via their home callsigns (**(QRZ.com)** addresses). Jan informs OPDX that there is a chance that Martin, G3ZAY, will join them for the last weekend or so.

IOTA NEWS

AF-NEW. OPDX was provided with the following statement by "The Midway Kure DX Foundation" (WH7M): "Contrary to erroneous information published in one of the DX bulletins, there will NOT be a **Hollams Bird Island** IOTA operation the last ten days of March. However various operators and foundations are working to make this difficult location a reality for IOTA hunters in the future. Subsequent information regarding a proposed operation will be made available via Barry Fletcher, ZS1FJ, of the Midway-Kure DX Foundation which continues to sponsor such oceanic island operations including Hollams Bird Island and two other island DXpeditions."

EU-129. Helmut, DL7VOX, will once again be active as DL7VOX/p from **Usedom Island** (GIA O-013 for the German Islands Award) between December 23rd and January 2nd. He will operate CW only on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau.

NA-066. Oleh, KD7WPJ, was expected to sign KD7WPJ/6 from **Santa Catalina Island**, December 17-19th. He was heard on 40 meters Sunday.

NA-123. Operators Allen/KV4T and Bridget/KS4YT will be active as homecall/p from **Dauphin Island** (USI AL-002S, Mobile County, Alabama), December 21-24th. Activity will

be on 40/17 meters CW and SSB. QSL via their home callsigns.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA

Look for Takeo, JA1DDH, to be active as JD1YBJ between December 20th and January 15th. He will focus on 160 meters. QSL will be announced.

JD1, OGASAWARA

Operators Makoto/JI5RPT and Toru/JI5USJ will be active as JD1BLY(CW only) and JD1BLX(SSB, RTTY and CW), respectively, from Chichijima Island (**AS-031**) in the Ogasawara Islands group, between 0400z, February 19th and 2200z, February 28th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters including the WARC bands and on CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK31 and the satellites (VO-52 and FO-29). All QSL cards for JD1BLX will go to "JI5USJ" via the Bureau or CBA. All QSL cards for JD1BLY will go to "JI5RPT" via the Bureau or CBA. For more details, visit the Web site at:

http://www.aa.alpha-net.ne.jp/ji5rpt/jd1/

KG4, GUANTANAMO BAY

Look for Jose/N4BAA and Bill/W4WV to be active from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GITMO), from January 21-31st. Callsigns will be KG4SB and KG4WV, respectively. Operations will be on 160-6 meters and all modes. Also, look for Jose (KG4SB) to be operating in the CQ WW 160M CW Contest (January 28-29th). QSLs via their home callsigns.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Remember to look for Hide, JM1LJS, to be active as KH2VL/KH0 from Saipan (OC-086), Northern Mariana Islands, December 22-25th. QSL via JM1LJS (QRZ.com). Visit it his Web page with an online log search at:

http://radio-dream.com/anyway_holiday/kh2vl_kh0_rota_logsearch.html

KH2, GUAM

Look for Matsuda, JM3PIT, to be active December 22-26th. His callsign and bands of activity were not provided. QSL via JM3PIT.

KP5, DESECHEO ISLAND

Some DXers received an early Christmas present when operators Kam/N3KS and Dave/K3LP came on the air as N3KS/KP5 and K3LP/KP5 on Friday, December 16th. Thanks to Bernie of "The Daily DX", who was in contact with the operators via a cell phone, updates were being provided to the DX community. First announcements stated that the two operators would be there for a very short time (possibly a minium of 48 hours only). It was also mentioned that this was a working trip and not a full-blown DXpedition. During the operation, another announcement came stating activity may last until Tuesday, December 20th. However, the Grinch stole Christmas for the DXers. The KP5 team was served with "some kind of official documentation that apparently has the word lawsuit" late afternoon or early evening on December 16th by the police. "The Daily DX" states, "It seems the police served some kind of paper work that supposed came from Washington DC demanding the KP5 team leave the island immediately." The KP5 team was able to operate through the night and until the waves died down to safely leave the island. They went QRT around 1730z, December 17th. The lucky

DXers that were able to work them can QSL via W3ADC: John F. King, P.O. Box 64, Hampstead, MD 21074, USA. Stateside DXers should remember that U.S. postage rates will increase on January 8, 2006.

P4, ARUBA

Contest: John, W2GD, will be active as P40W between February 16th and March 8th. Activity will be on the WARC bands and 160 meters. Also, look for him in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 18-19th) as Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via N2MM.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

Reports indicate that the **FT5XO** logs are now LoTW.

The **KH6ND/KH5** Palmyra QSLs are reportedly coming out.

QSL **SU8BHI** via HA3JB only direct with SASE. Recommend address: Gabor Kutasi, H-8601 Siofok, P.O.Box 243, HUNGARY - EUROPE. The QSL is valid for the I.P.A (International Police Association) Award.

QSL **ZF1A** via W5ASP, direct or by the W5 Bureau for the recent operation during the 2005 CQWW DX CW Contest.

SPECIAL EVENT

To celebrate the 15th annual participation by the Polish Boy Scouts during the Bethlehem Peace Fire, look for special event station SP15BSP between December 15th and January 2nd. QSL via SP6YFU.

SPECIAL EVENT

Look for two special event stations, UP1SAT (op. UN7ED) and UP2SAT (op. UN0LL), to be active from Kazakhstan between December 26th and January 15th, to celebrate the first launch of Kazakhstan's "KazSat" broadcasting satellite. Activity will be on all modes and bands (including the WARC bands, 2m and 70cm). QSL via RW6HS.

TR8, GABON

Roland, F8EN, is expected to be active as TR8CR from Libreville until January 12th. Activity is mostly during his mornings. His QSL Manager, Jean-Michel, F6AJA, reports that he will receive the TR8CR logs after Roland returns to France. The logs will be available on the Web at:

http://LesNouvellesDX.free.fr

VP8, ANTARCTIC

Willy, ON5AX, will be traveling the Antarctic waters again. He will be active onboard of the vessel "Europa" touring around the Antarctic Peninsula / South Shetlands between December 28th and January 18th. Willy will be active on CW/SSB on all bands up to 30 meters signing VP8DII/mm. He will be using an ALINCO DX70, SGC 231 antenna tuner and a longwire antenna. Willy will look for Western Europe, especially on Saturday and Sunday afternoons on 14020, 14220, 21020 and 21220 kHz. QSL via ON5AX.

** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER **

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

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please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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Unsubscribe: opdx-request@nshore.org Subject:unsubscribe

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http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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